

(b) if so, what action is being taken to improve the standard of training and categorising of Air Traffic Controllers?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Air Traffic Controllers undergo ab-initio training at Civil Aviation Training College (CATC). Only on Successful completion of this training, they are posted at the airports. Thereafter rigorous on-the-job training is imparted as per Standards stipulated by International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO). On modernisation of air traffic control equipments at Delhi and Mumbai airports and introduction of State-of-the-art radar system at several locations, the air traffic controllers have been trained on these systems in United States of America as well as in India.

Mismanagement at IGI Airport, Delhi

3103. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention have been drawn to the report appearing in Indian Express dated 23rd June, 2000 highlighting the chaotic conditions and mismanagement at the IGI Airport at Delhi; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The news item does not reflect the factual position. Airports Authority of India (AAI) has provided adequate sign boards in the airside corridor linked to aerobridges. In order to give face lift and to enhance aesthetics, the false ceiling in air-corridor as well as arrival hall has been replaced in Terminal-2. 21 toilets have already been renovated. Some more works are still in progress. AAI has provided well illuminated pictographs to indicate the location of various facilities. A large facilitation counter manned by staff of airlines and AAI is functioning round the clock in the middle of customs arrival hall. Four money exchange counters are also prominently located inside the customs arrival hall. In addition three money exchange counters are in the link area outside Customs

Arrival leading to visitors area. Thus passengers have enough opportunities to exchange their money any time after their passport check.

Departmental Training of SCs/STs in AAI

3104. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Sr. Superintendents belonging to SC and ST communities in National Airport Division of AAI (ATC) as on 30th May, 2000;
- (b) the number of them who have completed five years service on that date;
- (c) the number of them sent for training in CATC, Allahabad to ensure their eligibility for promotion as Asstt. Managers (ATC) after completion of five years service; and
- (d) what are the details of departmental training schedule prepared by AAI?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) There are 44 Senior (Sr.) Superintendents (Supdts,) belonging to Scheduled Caste (SC) and 26 belonging to Scheduled Tribe (ST) communities in Airports Authority of India (AAI).

(b) and (c) 27 Sr. Supdts. of SC and 18 of ST communities have completed 5 years of service. All of them have been sent to Civil Aviation Training College (CATC) Allahabad for training.

(c) The schedule of training conducted by AAI at CATC Allahabad for the year 2000 is (i) Five Junior Executive (Air Traffic Control) courses will be conducted between July, 2000 to November, 2001; (ii) Nine Superintendent (Air Traffic Control) courses will be conducted between July, 2000 to November, 2000; (iii) Approach Surveillance Radar Course will be conducted from 25.9.2000 to 1.12.2000.